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TRIANGULAR ADOPTION PROGRAM EMBODIES SERVICE AND CORE VALUES

USS Bonhomme Richard Ninth Commanding Officer to Speak at May 30 Memorial Day Ceremony

"It is not often that Indian Wells residents are the exclusive guests of a combat at sea with the city's flag flying from the ship's mast. The residents indeed knew that there was something very special occurring," said former Indian Wells Mayor Walter McIntyre.

What McIntyre was referring to was a July 2005 visit onboard the USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) when 250 Indian Wells residents experienced a fascinating "day at sea" on the amphibious assault carrier homeported at the San Diego Naval Station after its deployment in the Persian Gulf. The excursion, organized by McIntyre, was part of the ongoing Triangular Adoption Program he established in July 1999 between the City of Indian Wells, a U.S. Navy ship, and Gerald R. Ford Elementary School.

Nearly 12 years later, this patriotic endeavor, which has centered on creating an educational relationship, is stronger than ever, with its key component the interaction between all

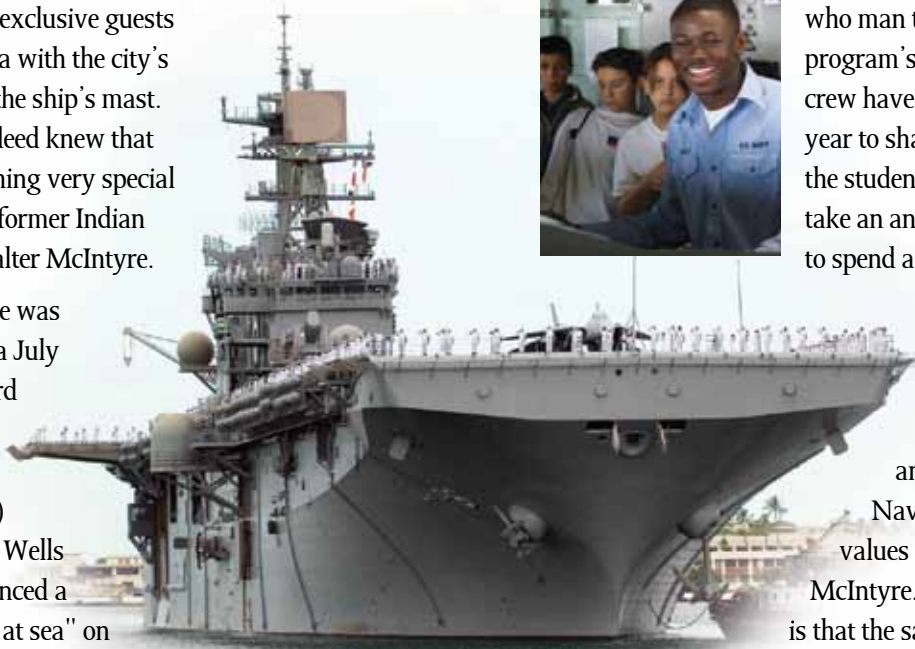


Ford students and the crew members who man the ship. Since the program's inception, several of the crew have visited the school every year to share their experiences with the students and Ford fifth graders take an annual field trip to San Diego to spend a day touring the ship.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity for youngsters to meet and greet members of the Navy who demonstrate core values like responsibility," says McIntyre. "What is so impressive is that the sailors in uniform arrive in the classroom as strangers and leave as heroes. There's an absolute feeding frenzy for autographs at recess time."

To commemorate the Triangular Adoption program, on Monday, May 30, Captain Jonathan L. Harnden, Jr., the ninth commanding officer of the USS Bonhomme Richard, will speak at the annual City of Indian Wells Memorial Day Ceremony. The ship's fourth CO Captain Jon-Berg-Johnsen will also be present and all former COs have been invited to attend. All residents and the general public are encouraged to attend this very special event beginning at 9 a.m. at the Eisenhower Walk of Honor adjacent to City Hall. No RSVP is required and light refreshments will be served.

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Triangular Adoption Program

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Sometime next year, the USS Bonhomme Richard will take to the high seas on a forward deployment to the port of Sasebo, Japan. Once there, Captain Harnden will take command of the USS Essex (LHD 2) – both ships are of the same “class” and therefore identical in design – which he and his crew will sail back to San Diego. Currently providing humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in Japan, the USS Essex will serve as the Triangular Adoption Program’s participating amphibious assault carrier. The Essex will be returning to San Diego after serving over 10 years in the Western Pacific. “While our beloved Bonhomme Richard will remain far away, it will be its crew and legacy who return to San Diego,” says McIntyre.

The City of Indian Wells wishes to thank everyone who has been involved and continues to support this outstanding initiative that has enriched the lives of the USS Bonhomme Richard crew and so many in our community.



April 5 Indian Wells State of the City Focused on Issues Key to Quality of Life

Nearly 275 city residents filled the Miramonte’s Mediterranean Ballroom on April 5 to learn about the State of the City during a presentation entitled “Steering a SMART Course in a Down Economy.” The presentation centered primarily on key issues including the city’s financial status, public safety, and upcoming municipal projects. After the address, audience members participated in a question-and-answer session that covered a range of topics, including plans for the Community Center and the Highway 111 widening project.

State of the City address highlights included:

- The City is on track to achieve its long range savings goal of \$125 million in reserve by 2025.
- The City is committed to responsible spending and estimates 2010 year-end City cash reserves at \$29.6 million.
- Despite the economic downturn that began in 2007, the City has maintained an operating surplus in the last three fiscal years. The City expects “conservative” surplus growth as the economy slowly rebounds.
- City revenue stream comes from BNP Paribas Open (\$1 million), property tax (\$2.5 million), transient occupancy tax (\$4.3 million), and Indian Wells Golf Resort (\$10 million).
- The City is in a “watch and wait” period to see if the State of California will appropriate redevelopment agency funds. If this occurs, the City could lose approximately \$3.5 million in funding that supports administrative costs related to redevelopment zones.
- From 2006 to 2010, crime in Indian Wells has decreased by 32 percent.
- The City is responding proactively to the recent rash of home invasions and continues to offer a \$10,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of anyone who has committed a burglary in Indian Wells. The public safety committee is also considering innovative crime deterrent techniques.
- The City is also committed to maintaining neighborhoods and municipal infrastructure. Current projects include the IW PLATINUM REALTOR® Program and Housing Stimulus Plan. Upcoming projects include Phase 2 of the Highway 111 project. This summer, the City will resurface the highway with a rubber tarmac that mitigates sound and also install landscaped medians designed to contribute to traffic safety.

Residents unable to attend the State of the City address may view it in its entirety at www.cityofindianwells.org (City Council) or on Indian Wells Channel 122 daily at 12 p.m. Residents can also download the State of the City PowerPoint and the City of Indian Wells 2011-2012 Strategic Plan from the City website. The Strategic Plan details prioritized projects through the end of 2012.



“Big Break Indian Wells” Premieres This Month!

Contestants are starting to be announced. Tune into the Golf Channel beginning May 16 at 6 p.m. PT/9 p.m. ET for all the exciting action, plus big surprises!



Needed In Our Community

Indian Wells residents have an opportunity to ensure that not one individual in our city is unable to afford a decent pair of shoes.

The Gerald R. Ford Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization is once again sponsoring a “Hearts 4 Soles” collection to help purchase approximately 200 pairs of shoes for Ford School families in need. Please consider making a financial donation to this very worthy cause, helping people in our own community who don’t have the means to replace worn-out footwear.

Checks should be payable to Gerald Ford PTO with “Hearts 4 Soles” in the note line. Donations can be made via mail or in person to Gerald Ford PTO - Attn: Hearts 4 Soles Fund or Sheri Carter, Gerald R. Ford Elementary School, 44-210 Warner Trail, Indian Wells, CA 92210. This year’s “Hearts 4 Soles” initiative will run through the end of May.

For more information, contact Sheri Carter at 1 (760) 397-5044.



Reverend Patricia Spicer and Dr. Linda Iger are all smiles after receiving their City of Indian Wells ATHENA Awards during the March 22 luncheon ceremony at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa. Rev. Spicer was honored with the Community Service Award; Dr. Iger received the Professional Excellence Award.

2010-2011 World Affairs Council of the Desert Series Concludes May 1

Do we need the United Nations? Larry Greenfield and Ambassador Nancy Soderberg will debate this topic at the next World Affairs Council of the Desert speaker event set for Sunday, May 1.



Greenfield is the founding director of the Reagan Legacy Foundation and a fellow in American Studies at the Claremont Institute. Ambassador Soderberg, a former U.S. national representative to the U.N. Security Council, also served as one of President Clinton's top national security advisors.

Held at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa, World Affairs Council of the Desert speaker programs are open to the public. Each event features a 5 p.m. reception and 6 p.m. dinner followed by the speaker presentation and short Q&A session. Cost: \$55 for members, \$65 for non-members.

For information and reservations, visit www.worldaffairsdesert.org, e-mail worldaffairs@verizon.net, or call 1 (760) 322-7711.

Protect Your Home While on Vacation

The last thing you want to worry about when you're away for the summer or on vacation is the safety of your home and your personal belongings. To minimize your risk of a home invasion, be sure to sign up in person at City Hall for a free vacation home check. A Community Service Officer will perform routine outside inspections while you are away. You can also ensure that your home is well protected by:

- turning your home security system on, if you have one, throughout the house;
- parking all cars in a locked garage;
- keeping your lawn cut and shrubbery trimmed;
- keeping all doors and windows locked, and placing shims in trackways;
- installing motion-activated lights in your front, back and side yards;
- putting interior lights on timers to simulate that someone is home;
- giving a key to a trusted relative or friend rather than leaving it under a doormat or flowerpot;
- placing your valuables in a secure safe or safety deposit box; and
- encouraging your neighbors to call 911 or the Sheriff's Department non-emergency line at 1 (760) 836-3215 (option 5) if they see or hear anything unusual or suspicious.

For more important crime prevention tips, visit www.riversidesheriff.org (Crime, Sheriff's Crime Links "Don't Be a Victim").

The 2011



Jim and Sherie Lindblad with Lillian May



Suzanne and Larry Stark



BNP Paribas Open In Pictures



Tom and Diana Conner



Steve Goldstein



Bill and Norma Honeysett



Sheila Young and Carol Burgener



Bethan Martinovich and Rose Clayton



Bonnie McClain and Heather Farac



Harold Kutler



Roger Kurdys and Diane McDevitt

FACES OF INDIAN WELLS:

2011 Senior Inspiration Award Honoree

Dr. Robert McPeake

At nearly 82, Indian Wells resident Robert A. McPeake, M.D. (popularly known as Dr. Bob) maintains a full-time medical practice in

Palm Desert. He admits to a driving desire to serve and provide preventative, physical and mental health services to the patients he sees in the Coachella Valley.

This inspiring commitment to his patients is one reason why Doctor Bob was selected as this year's Senior

Inspiration Award honoree from Indian Wells. He and ten other honorees from throughout Riverside County were feted at the 19th Annual Senior Inspiration Awards Luncheon held on April 8 at the Riviera Resort & Spa in Palm Springs.

Dr. Bob has an extensive background in medical practice. Since receiving his Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Pittsburgh in 1957, he worked in private practice for nearly 40 years in Washington, Pennsylvania and Anaheim, California. From 1987 to 1995, he had the distinction of serving as the Training Camp and Family Physician for the Los Angeles Rams NFL team.

Dr. Bob also served his country in the U.S. Army during two years of active duty in Korea and four years in the U.S. Army Reserves. He and wife Peggy have four children and have called the Coachella Valley home since 1996.

When asked what advice he would give the younger generation, Dr. Bob does not hesitate to say: "Set your goal early. Learning is a lifetime privilege and is essential to prepare, shape, and mold your future."

Congratulations on a well-deserved honor, Dr. Bob!



FROM THE KITCHEN OF IW Club Executive Chef Chris Olson



Chilled Cucumber, Tomato and Pineapple Salad with Ginger Lime Dressing

This awesome Vietnamese-inspired salad speaks for itself, combining hints of sweet pineapple spiced with chilies with the cool crunch of cucumber with mint. Try it with grilled chicken breast or a few shrimps on the barbecue!

GINGER LIME DRESSING INGREDIENTS

- 1 ea garlic clove
- ½ Tbsp peeled, minced fresh ginger root
- ¼ tsp kosher salt
- 2 Tbsp lime juice
- 1 Tbsp sugar
- 2 Tbsp canola oil
- 1 ea 2" long Serrano chili, minced with seeds
- ¼ tsp Asian fish sauce

Finely mince garlic and ginger with wide blade knife, and then add salt. Using side of knife, mash mixture into paste. In a separate bowl combine lime juice and sugar and whisk until dissolved.

Add garlic-ginger paste, canola oil, and minced chilies and fish sauce. Adjust seasoning and set aside.

SALAD INGREDIENTS

Prepare remaining ingredients while dressing marinates.

- ½ ea European cucumber-cut in half length wise, thinly sliced in ½ moon slices.
- ½ ea pineapple, peeled, quartered, and thinly sliced (approximately 2 cups)
- ½ cup roughly cut cilantro
- ¼ cup coarsely chopped mint
- 2 ea medium heirloom tomatoes, cut into ½ inch thick wedges.
- 2 cups fresh watercress
- Sesame seeds

In a bowl, toss together Ginger Lime Dressing with above salad ingredients, and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper.

Serve on four chilled plates and sprinkle with sesame seeds.
Enjoy!



WAYS TO CELEBRATE MOM ON HER SPECIAL DAY

Take Her to Brunch at the IW Club...

Treat the mother in your life to a special multicourse brunch on Sunday, May 8 amid spectacular art and scenery at the IW Club Restaurant and Bar. The expanded brunch menu includes breakfast and hot selections, soup and salad, a carving station, and an enticing dessert display.

Cost is \$35 for adults, \$15 for children ages 6-11; free for children five and under. (A gratuity of 18% will be added to parties of eight or more; resident discount does not apply.)

For reservations, please call 1 (760) 834-3800.



...or Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas and Spa

Enjoy the renowned hospitality of the elegant Hyatt Grand Champions. The resort will also be serving a special Mother's Day brunch priced at \$44 per adult and \$20 for children ages 6-12 (inclusive of gratuity and tax). Children five and under dine free.

Please contact the Hyatt concierge at 1 (760) 674-4080 for more information and reservations.

Pamper Her with a Prima-Mamma Spa Package...

Agua Serena Spa at Hyatt Grand Champions is featuring a special spa package to honor mom during the month of May – the Prima-Mamma package. This spa special is designed to pamper mom using certified organic Primavera products. The Prima-Mamma package features a 15-minute "Honor the Feet" Gesture, 45-minute massage with Primavera oils, 45-minute Primavera facial, and 45-minute Plumeria manicure.

The entire package costs \$300 (Sundays-Fridays) and \$350 on Saturdays. For more information or to schedule your Prima-Mamma experience, call the Spa at 1 (760) 674-4100.

...or Indulge Her with a Mini-Getaway at Spa Esmeralda

A blissful beautifying experience awaits mom within the soothing sanctuary of the Spa Esmeralda located at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa. The Spa is offering a Mother's Day Special that includes a manicure, pedicure, shampoo, blow-dry, and makeup application – all for \$150. A gift is included with every gift certificate purchased.

Gratuity is not included; this special may not be combined with other offers. For more information, please call Spa Esmeralda at 1 (760) 836-1265.



HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Exercising in the Heat

As the temperatures slowly creep up on the thermometer, it's important to adapt your outside exercise regimen to keep your workouts safe. Exercising in the heat without careful preparation can make you prone to heat exhaustion or, even worse, heat stroke. Symptoms of heat-related illness include weakness, headache, dizziness, muscle cramps, nausea or vomiting, and rapid heartbeat.

Here are some simple tips to ensure a healthy summer of outdoor fitness:

1. Drink plenty of water to keep yourself adequately hydrated. Drink before your fitness session, every 15 minutes while you are exercising, and even if you don't feel thirsty. If you exercise intensely for more than one hour, consume a sports drink to replace lost minerals and electrolytes. Avoid caffeine and alcohol as both actually promote fluid loss.
2. Eat regularly, 5-6 small meals per day, and includes lots of fruits and vegetables.
3. Wear lightweight, light-colored, and loose fitting clothing to promote sweat evaporation and cooling.
4. Avoid exercising in the heat of the day. Instead, exercise in the morning or evening and in the shade, if possible.
5. Wear sunscreen and lightweight brimmed hat.
6. Take it slow on excessively hot, humid days or exercise indoors.
7. If you have a chronic medical condition or are on medication, check with your doctor to see if you have to take any additional precautions.

If you suspect a heat-related illness, stop exercising and get out of the heat. Drink water, and wet and fan your skin. If you don't feel better within 60 minutes, develop a fever higher than 102 F, or become faint or confused, seek immediate medical help.

Register Now for Osher Summer Classes

Ford Motor Company Founder Henry Ford once said that “The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.” The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at California State University San Bernardino’s Palm Desert campus gives mature individuals the opportunity to do just that through its variety of stimulating, university-level courses. Courses are offered quarterly

throughout the year and generally held during the day, once a week, for six weeks.

The Osher Institute’s quarterly membership fee of \$135 entitles members to enroll in up to five classes. The summer 2011 course schedule includes *The Columbus Mysteries-His Motives and His Maps* (Tuesdays, June 14-July 19), *Personalities in Religion* (Tuesdays, June 14-July 19), *America and the New Global Economy* (Wednesdays, June 15-July 20), *Religion and Justice in the U.S. Courts* (Wednesdays, June 15-July 20), and *Magical Movie Moments* (Thursdays, June 16-July 21).

Osher also offers weekly \$20 memberships that allow students to attend up to five Osher classes in one week – an ideal way to sample the Institute and its class offerings.

Learn more about the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and register for summer 2011 courses by visiting <http://cel.csusb.edu/osher.html> or contacting Steve McAdams at 1 (760) 341-2883 ext. 14428, mcadamss@csusb.edu.



SCE Baseline Allocation Changes to “Summer”

Beginning the first Sunday in June, your Southern California Edison (SCE) baseline allocation changes to “Summer.” What this means is that each residential SCE customer in our desert area has a higher baseline allocation; hence, a more reasonable rate with more kilowatt hours available at the baseline level.

According to SCE, “baseline allocation” is an amount of electricity provided for each residential customer at a lower rate than is charged for electricity above that level. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) determines these baseline quantities for different state regions based on the number of days in the billing period, the season, the climate, and whether electricity is the primary source of heat.

In SCE’s 1985 General Rate Case, the CPUC adopted a proposal from the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), establishing a higher baseline quantity during the summer season due to the extreme heat in our region.

For more information, visit www.sce.com (Residential, Residential Rates).

Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Disposal



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection is available every day of the year right at your own home. No need to transport waste to City Hall or any other collection site. Simply call Burrtec at 1 (760) 340-2113 to schedule your pickup today.

You may also want to consider combining your request with other items you wish to discard like obsolete electronics (anything that plugs in or has a battery), old patio furniture, or old paint cans that you have been storing in your garage.

Take advantage of the special services offered to Indian Wells residents at no charge. For additional information, call City Hall at 1 (760) 346-2489 ext. 227 or e-mail gogreen@indianwells.com.





City Incentives Conserve Resources and Lower Your Bills

Summer is fast approaching and typically the time when water and energy consumption skyrocket as desert residents seek to maintain their yards and stay cool indoors. The City of Indian Wells strives daily to serve as a leader in sustainability by creating and implementing programs to conserve water, reduce the consumption of non-renewable resources, improve air quality, and lower waste generation through recycling and other initiatives.

Weather-based Irrigation Clock Rebate Pilot Program

There are many ways to reduce your water consumption in the Coachella Valley where nearly 80 percent of our water goes to lawns and landscaping. One way to do so that will also lead to savings on your water bill is by participating in the Coachella Valley Water District's (CVWD) residential smart controller program. In fact, homeowners who switch to this more efficient, self-adjusting irrigation system can expect to cut their water usage by an average of 30 percent.

What's more, Indian Wells residents are eligible to apply for free smart irrigation controllers to be installed in their yards through the city's partnership in CVWD's Weather-based Irrigation Clock Rebate Pilot Program.

To learn more and download an application today, visit www.cvwd.org (Conservation and Education, Conservation, Rebates & Discounts) or call 1 (760) 398-2651.



No-Fee Plan Check Makes It Easier for You to Go Solar

More Coachella Valley residents are turning to solar and alternative forms of energy to reduce the drain on fossil fuels. In fact, the City of Indian Wells recently transformed Indian Wells Villas into an "Energy Smart Community" with the addition of a photovoltaic roof mount solar system and other high energy efficiency upgrades.

Converting your home to solar energy offers many benefits. Among them, solar and other alternative energy sources are environmentally friendly, and easy to install and maintain. And although solar powered systems require an initial investment upfront, payback on that investment, through energy savings, is about 7-9 years and you'll reduce your electric bill. What's more, tax incentives and rebates, like those available through the California Solar Initiative, are helping to make the transition to solar power more affordable for residents.

The City of Indian Wells is doing its part by waiving fees for solar plan checks. This no-fee plan check program applies to new construction and renovations.

For more information about the City's no-fee plan check, stop by City Hall or call the Building & Safety Division at 1 (760) 346-2489. To learn more about the California Solar Initiative, visit www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov.





Community Opportunities

Please note: Many of the activities listed below require reservations and payment of fees. Please call contact phone numbers for full details.

Now through May 31, 2011

Season hours, The Living Desert, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. with last admission at 4 p.m. Admission prices – Adults: \$12.50, Seniors (62+) and Military: \$11, Children ages 3-12: \$7.50, Children under 3: free. Members enjoy free annual and early (7 a.m.) admission to the park.

Now through May 31, 2011

Season hours, Indian Wells Tennis Garden, (760) 200-8200: 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. weekdays; 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. weekends.

Now through May 31, 2011

Palm Springs Art Museum, (760) 325-7186. Closed Mondays and major holidays. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Thursdays 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. Admission prices – Members and youths 17 and under: free; Adults: \$12.50; 62 and over: \$10.50; Students: \$5.00. Free for active-duty military personnel and their families (with I.D.). Free public admission every Thursday from 4-8 p.m. during the downtown Villagefest.

Now through December 31

Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert, (760) 321-0602. Open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission prices – Ages 2 and up: \$8. CDMOD offers annual, individual memberships for \$25 per person. www.cdmod.org.



The Rancho Mirage Public Library offers cultural events year-round including live music, poetry workshops, lectures, seminars, and more. Call (760) 341-7323 or visit www.ranchoiragelibrary.org (Events, Current Programs) for more information.

Mondays through May

Indian Wells Rotary Club Meeting, Indian Wells Country Club, 1 (760) 406-4000: 12 p.m.

May 1

World Affairs Council of the Desert, "Do We Need the United Nations? A Debate" with Larry Greenfield and Ambassador Nancy Soderberg, Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa: 5 p.m. Reservations required, www.worldaffairsdesert.org, 1 (760) 322-7711.



May 3

Coffee & Conversation for residents only, IW Café at the IW Club, Indian Wells Golf Resort: 7:30-9:30 a.m. Complimentary cup of coffee and delicious pastry tasters. No RSVP needed.



Architecture and Landscape Committee Meeting, City Hall, 1 (760) 346-2489: 10 a.m.

Indian Wells Historic Preservation Foundation Meeting, City Hall, 1 (760) 346-2489: 10 a.m.

May 5

City Council Meeting, City Hall, 1 (760) 346-2489: 1:30 p.m.

May 8

Mother's Day Champagne Breakfast & Tour, The Living Desert, 8 a.m.-10 a.m. \$50 per person. For more information and tickets, visit www.livingdesert.org (Visit & Explore, Calendar of Events).

IW Club, Mother's Day Brunch Mother's Day Brunch, IW Club Restaurant and Bar (see page 7),

Mother's Day Brunch, Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas and Spa (see page 7).

May 9

Twilight Bingo with Palm Desert Youth Committee, The Joslyn Center: 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Plus prizes, jackpots, root beer floats and popcorn. \$15 per person. www.joslyncenter.org.

May 10

May 10 Grants-in-Aid Committee Meeting is cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14 at City Hall, 1 (760) 346-2489: 2:30 p.m.

May 12

Community Activities Committee Meeting, City Hall, 1 (760) 346-2489: 3 p.m.

May 14

Free Backyard Composting Workshop, Indian Wells City Hall: 10 a.m. Low-cost bins will be available for purchase by Riverside County residents only (checks only, please). For more information, call 1 (760) 346-2489.

May 16



Big Break Indian Wells premieres on the Golf Channel.

May 18

City of Indian Wells CPR class, City Hall: 1-4 p.m. Reservations required; space is limited. IW Property Owner ID required when reserving. Call City Hall, 1 (760) 346-2489.



May 19

City Council Meeting, City Hall, 1 (760) 346-2489: 1:30 p.m.

May 26

Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall, 1 (760) 346-2489: 1:30 p.m.

Healthy Hour/Happy Hour, "Those 7 Healthy Habits That Your Grandmother Told You About" Agua Serena Spa at Hyatt Grand Champions: 6 p.m. RSVP to Spa Director Jennifer DiFrancesco at 1 (760) 674-4102.

May 30

City of Indian Wells Memorial Day Ceremony, Eisenhower Walk of Honor at City Hall: 9 a.m. (City Hall closed in observance of Memorial Day)



Leash Laws Keep You and Your Pet Safe

Your beloved dog bolts across the street to chase a rabbit or greet a neighbor and narrowly misses getting hit by a car. If you've ever experienced that terrifying moment, you'll understand why the City of Indian Wells Municipal Code includes a leash ordinance.

The leash law not only protects your canine companion, it protects you. Even friendly dogs can get involved in an altercation and cause injury to another dog, which could result in civil litigation against the pet owner. When you let your pet off leash, you are also risking a citation.

In addition, there are many highly contagious diseases – kennel cough, canine parvovirus and distemper, among them – that can be transmitted from dog to dog.

So please keep your dog on a leash – it's the safe and responsible thing to do.



March 17 City Council Meeting Highlights

Approved Change Order for High Tech Mailing Services in the Amount of \$7,700 for Newsletter Mailing Services Additional Postage Expense for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

Authorized RDA Affordable Housing Fund to Purchase the Obligation and to Record Affordability Covenants [CC&R's] for Future Affordable Housing Obligations Upon City Owned Parcel Known as APN 633-360-023 Located East of Warner Trail and South of Gerald Ford School.

Approved RDA Conveyance and Accepted Conveyance of Redevelopment Agency Owned Affordable Housing Projects to the City of Indian Wells.

Adopted Resolution Designating the City of Indian Wells as the Successor Agency to the Indian Wells Redevelopment Agency Pursuant to Proposed State Legislation Terminating Redevelopment Agencies.

Adopted Amended Resolution Amending the City Council/Redevelopment Agency Policy Manual Concerning the Selection and Appointment of Resident Members to Commissions, Committees and Boards.

Approved Purchase of a Fortel Radar Speed Sign in the Amount of \$12,286. Approved One Year's Cellular Modem Service in the Amount of \$348 and Approved Supplemental Appropriation for same.

Directed Staff to draft an ordinance for seven foot hedge and shrub height maximum and to provide a proposed solution with regard to Homeowners Associations.

Approved Change Order for D.W. Johnston Construction in the Amount of \$55,476.55 to Complete Structural Rehabilitation of 45-656 Louis Breault Lane, Mountain View Villas.

Authorized Agency Repayment of Existing Promissory Note between the Indian Wells Redevelopment Agency and the City of Indian Wells.

April 7 City Council Meeting Highlights

Adopted Resolution Supporting the Retention of the Enterprise Zone Authority Program in the Coachella Valley.

Approved Disposition of Surplus Items Recovered from Mountain View Villas Phase I Structural Rehabilitation and Authorize the Donation to Habitat For Humanity Coachella Valley.

Approved Meter Indemnification Agreement with Garden of Champions Relating to Irrigation Well at Sod Farm.

Approved Implementation of the "Help for Homeless" Model Program for May 2011.

Approved Agreement with Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP for City and RDA Audit Services Beginning Fiscal Year 2010-11.

Approved RDA Conveyance and Accepted Conveyances of Redevelopment Agency Owned Properties and Recordation of Affordable Housing Covenants.

Approved the Continuance of Overtime for the Special Burglary Suppression Patrol Program and Supplemental Appropriation for Same.

Authorized Indian Wells Golf Resort Staff to Contract with Southwest Pump in the Amount of \$73,607.44 for Repair of the Celebrity Course Irrigation Well and Approved Supplemental Appropriation for Same.

Golf Resort Offers Twilight Special

City residents can now tee off on the Celebrity and Players Course for as low as \$20! The Indian Wells Golf Resort is offering a \$20



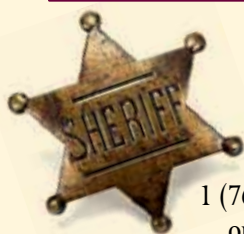
green fee rate daily after 3 p.m. for Indian Wells residents only. Please note that this special promotion does not apply to guests. Residents must bring a valid IW Property Owner ID card to be eligible for this discounted rate. Tee

times may be booked online or by phone up to 14 days in advance. Call 1 (760) 346-4653 or visit www.indianwellsgolfresort.com.



Fireworks Alert

There will be private fireworks displays in Indian Wells at approximately 9 p.m. on May 14, May 21 and May 22, 2011. Please remember to bring pets indoors. Thank you.



Sheriff's Non-Emergency Phone Number

1 (760) 836-3215 (press option 5)
or toll-free 1 (800) 950-2444



Interested in a Neighborhood Watch Program? Please contact Mel Windsor at City Hall, 1 (760) 346-2489 or mwindsor@indianwells.com.

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Indian Wells Resorts Earn Top Honors

The Miramonte Resort & Spa and Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas and Spa both earned high rankings in *Condé Nast Traveler's* "Top 125 Golf Resort" listing. The Miramonte and Hyatt Grand Champions earned spots #14 and #15, respectively, in the "Top 15 California Golf Resorts" category. These rankings likely indicate that visitors enjoy the combination of resort amenities and Indian Wells Golf Resort access and amenities. Congratulations!

Wishing all our terrific "snowbirds" a sensational summer season. We look forward to your return!

Stay tuned for information on upcoming resident events at the IW Club. Also, be sure to visit www.cityofindianwells.org for the latest updates, and sign up to receive the latest city news via e-mail by clicking on the "mailbox" icon.



One in five homeless people is a child. Women and children make up nearly half of the homeless population. 150 men and women age 62 or older will sleep on our streets tonight. One out of three homeless men in the U.S. is a military veteran. These statistics from the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services are sobering. What's more, owing to the economic downturn, the face of homelessness continues to change. Working families, devastated by job cuts, are unable to meet mortgage payments and are losing their homes.

The Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Homelessness Committee is in the process of implementing a valley-wide Strategic Plan to End Homelessness.

The City of Indian Wells is one of the first cities to step up to the plate with

City Launches **HELP FOR HOMELESS** Program

the launch of its inaugural "Help for Homeless" program on May 1. This year's campaign will run through the end of May, and take place every April thereafter.

Via the "Help for Homeless" initiative, the City is encouraging all residents and patrons of

the Indian Wells Golf Resort and IW Club to make a \$1 donation on each golf round and restaurant receipt. Residents can also donate online on the City's website at www.cityofindianwells.org (IW Resident Information, Help for Homeless)

"Help for Homeless" donations will directly benefit Roy's Desert Resource Center, a 120-bed shelter and social service facility, as well as other Coachella Valley shelters.

Please join us in support of this very worthwhile cause to end the homeless crisis in our desert communities.

